

REMARKS

At the outset the applicants wish to express their appreciation to the Examiner of the thorough examination accorded the instant application and the helpful suggestions pertaining to formal matters in the application.

A separate one month extension of time request has been submitted by the applicant herein, extending the time for response to December 9, 2006.

By the present amendment the applicants have amended the title of the application along the lines suggested by the Examiner. The applicants have continued to keep "drive" in the title since it is believed that the application is directed to a "drive device."

The applicants have also amended the claims by combining the elements of Claim 1 and 2 into new Claim 16. New Claim 16 also adopts the new title and amends some of the elements therein to correspond to the disclosure of the specification and to overcome the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The remaining original claims, Claims 3 to 15, have been amended to correct the title and to overcome the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In the above identified Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 1 to 13 and 15 as being obvious under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over EP 1117030, TO Jae-Sung in view of U.S. Patent No.

5,794,164, to Beckert et al. With respect to the rejection of original Claim 2 (substantially equivalent to Claim 16), the Examiner maintains that paragraph 0045 of the Jae-Sung citation discloses a detection port 37 connected to the multimedia device to check voltage when the device is not in operation and activate a power control 39 in accordance with the checked result. At the time, control circuit blocks the supply of power from adaptor 36 thereby causing all components in the computer to be supplied with power from the main power supply 35. On the other hand, it is bus switch 5 of the present invention which determines whether the personal computer is in the power-on status or not. This feature is different and far simpler than that disclosed in Jae-Sung, paragraph 0045. Furthermore, referring to Figure 1 of Jae-Sung, both the disc player 2 and audio signal reproduction circuitry 6 are connected to the central processing unit (CPU4) of the computer (paragraph 0024). In the instant invention, the optical data storage device is independent of the personal computer's central processing unit. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the combination of Jae-Sung and Beckert et al as proposed by the Examiner does not satisfy all the elements of Claim 16.

The Examiner also rejected claim 14 as being obvious over the Jae-Sung and Beckert et al references in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0126703, to Kovacevic. It is the

applicants' contention that new Claim 16 is patentable over the cited references on the same grounds discussed above in connection with the Jae-Sung, Beckert et al combination rejection.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 3 to 16 are patentable over the cited references and should be allowed so that the case may be passed to issue.

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